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Terrorist aims went beyond plot: Crown

KHAWAJA The Ottawa software engineer facing seven terrorism-related charges had much grander terrorist aims than just the British bomb plot in which he allegedly participated, Crown attorney David McKercher told Momin Khawaja's trial yesterday.

And even if it can be shown that Khawaja's real intent was to attack Afghanistan targets rather than British, he still wouldn't be exempted from conviction on terrorist charges, McKercher argued.

Exemptions from Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act are available only for soldiers fighting in a lawful conventional conflict — and the Taliban's moves in Afghanistan don't qualify, he said.

The 29-year-old Orleans man faces an allegation that he built a remote control device to be used in bombings. He's also accused of financing and facilitating terrorism, participating in terrorist training, and allowing a house owned by his family to be used for terrorism purposes. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks during a news conference at the Library and Archives of Canada in Ottawa, yesterday.

Election call nears

Harper signals at snap vote, Dion says PM 'panicking'

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is sending his clearest signal yet that Canadians will be heading to the polls this fall, saying that "fundamental differences" with the opposition parties make it impossible for his government to tackle looming economic woes.

"The country must have a government that can function during a time of economic uncertainty. If it's not this ... Parliament, the public will have an opportunity to decide whom," Harper told a news conference yesterday.

In another signal an election is approaching, Governor General Michaëlle Jean yesterday cancelled a trip to China set for Sept. 6 to 11, and is available to meet with Harper if he seeks an election during that period.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion mocked Harper's sense of urgency and said the Tories are only trying to prevent further scrutiny of their own scandals.

"It's clear he's trying to create any reason to rush to an election to hide how much he is ill-prepared to face the difficulties of the country," Dion told reporters in Toronto.

"This prime minister is panicking, inventing reasons to try and trigger an election and breaking his word because he has, as you know, a fixed election date law to respect."

Harper made clear that his Conservatives' own fixed-date legislation, which sets October 2009 as the date for the next vote, won't be a barrier to going to the polls sooner.

"The purpose of a fixed election date is to create certainty. Obviously in a minority Parliament you can't be certain. All the opposition parties are clear. They will not support this government going to October 2009," Harper said.

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Campaign kickoff

- A national campaign could kick off next week before three federal by-elections on Sept. 8, Harper suggested.

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Small cities, towns get cash influx

INVESTMENT Smaller Ontario communities will get improved infrastructure, thanks to a $724-million investment by the provincial and federal governments.

Announced at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual convention at the Ottawa Congress Centre yesterday, Environment Minister John Baird and Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Jim Watson said Ontario municipalities with populations under 100,000 can put forward their capital infrastructure projects to get a piece of the pie.

The federal and provincial government will each contribute $362 million through 2014, but the first round of cash — totalling $200 million — is open to applications as of Sept. 12.

While Ottawa is too big to get a share, both the provincial and federal governments are still committed to help undo the damage to the Ottawa River caused by a 2006 sewage spill, said Baird, who is also the MP for Ottawa West-Nepean.

As minister of the environment, "this is something that's close to my heart," he said, adding he would fight to get more money for Ottawa's transit project.

The provincial government on Monday also announced $1.1 billion for Ontario infrastructure, with $77.2 million expected for Ottawa.

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Get more greens
More people in need are getting their leafy greens after the Ottawa Food Bank installed an enormous new refrigerated cooler recently. Yesterday, the food bank held its official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 15-foot tall fridge, which allows the organization to distribute 44 per cent more fresh fruits and vegetables to its clients. METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa

Looking for a few good kids

The Ottawa International Animation Festival is inviting youth ages 9 to 14 to enter its Kids Jury Contest for a chance to become judges at this year's festival. Ten children will be chosen to pick the best animated films for kids at the Canadian Museum Of Civilization September 20. To enter, e-mail a one-page essay about why your favourite animated character is the best to jennifer@animationfestival.ca by September 5. OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL

Program aims to equip kids for school

EDUCATION Hundreds of children in the Ottawa area will go back to school this year without the basic tools needed for learning.

Binders, backpacks, pens and pencils are desperately needed to help children from low-income families succeed in class.

This school year hundreds of students will be behind the rest of the class before they even begin. Proper school supplies are crucial to both a good education and healthy self-confidence.

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"It matters for learning that the child has the pencils and pens, erasers, calculators and things to securely carry their items," said Elaine Rotor, a volunteer with Tools for Schools.

"It makes them feel confident and set up for learning."

Tools for Schools is run by Child and Youth Friendly Ottawa, and it is one of many programs trying to address this large need.

"We have almost 4,000 individual requests for backpacks and of those 4,000, optimistically we can accommodate 2,000," said Keegan On, a volunteer with Child and Youth Friendly Ottawa.

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Building for the future

Government boost helps francophone school

KATHRYN YOUNG
for Metro Ottawa

Francophone students interested in becoming skilled trade workers got a boost yesterday as the Ontario government pledged $6.75 million to help La Cité Collégiale build a new environmentally friendly Research and Training Centre in the Construction Trades at a new campus in Orleans.

With its new 40,000-square-foot centre, La Cité will be able to almost triple its apprenticeship program to include training in 18 high-demand construction trades such as residential air conditioning systems mechanics, plumbing and renewable energy and green building technologies.

"Our trades sector has been growing for the last four or five years and we need the space," said La Cité president Andrée Lortie.

Construction should begin in the spring and be complete by September 2010. The centre will accommodate 750 additional construction students each year by 2013-2014.

"For the local economy, it's a good idea," Lortie said. "The jobs are there."

The Construction Sector Council, a national partnership between labour and business, estimates that Ontario's construction industry will need 74,000 new workers over the next eight years, with 7,000 in eastern Ontario alone.

The community college's main campus is on the Aviation Parkway, but this new expansion into Orleans will provide more jobs and prosperity there, said Ottawa-Orleans MPP Phil McNeely.

Tomorrow, city council will consider whether to accept the corporate services committee's unanimous recommendation to donate the 7.3-hectare parcel of land at Highway 174 and Trim Road, worth $1 million, to La Cité, Lortie said.

The centre will cost $17.1 million. The federal government has been asked for $5.25 million, and additional funding will come from La Cité's coffers as well as fundraising.

"We're investing in the skills and knowledge of our people so they can work in high-paying, skilled jobs that will strengthen our economy and improve everyone's quality of life," said Ontario's Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities John Milloy.

ETIENNE RANGER/FOR METRO OTTAWA

La Cite Collegiale president Andrée Lortie speaks at an announcement about a new construction trades training centre facility yesterday while Ottawa-Orleans MPP Phil McNeely looks on.

Tainted meat cases keep going up

OUTBREAK Ottawa still has only two cases of listeriosis — one confirmed and one under investigation — as the number of cases continues to rise in the province.

The number of listeriosis cases in Ontario rose to 38 yesterday, with 22 definitely linked to the recall of tainted meat products from Toronto's Maple Leaf Foods processing plant, the provincial health ministry reported.

The remaining 16 cases are still under investigation to see if they are linked. There have been 12 deaths in the province.

The company continues to meet daily with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Public Health Agency of Canada to iron out the food safety inspection rules under which the plant will be reopened.

FOR METRO OTTAWA

Driver charged for insecure load

TRANSPORTATION A Gatineau man was charged under the Highway Traffic Act after an unmarked OPP car was struck by debris that fell off a truck on Highway 417 near Pinecrest Road.

Late last week, the cruiser was struck on the roof after a large rock fell out of an eastbound Gold 1999 International dump box, police said yesterday.

OPP stopped the vehicle, which was registered to Goulbourn Sanitation.

Mario Charron, 40, of Gatineau, was charged with having an insecure load under the Highway Traffic Act.

Police are asking people to ensure their loads are secure. Drivers who see debris on the highway should call OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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Super speller gets ready for TV

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For one Ottawa girl, a claim to fame could be as easy as A-B-C.

Eleven-year-old Darien Klein will be vying for the title of Canada's Super Speller when she competes against 47 other youngsters as a part of a new TV series, Canada's Super Speller.

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One of four kids from eastern Ontario — the other local finalists are from Perth, Jasper and Kingston — Klein, a Kanata resident, will be participating in a regional spelldown, followed by a speed-spelling competition in front of a live audience at Toronto's Capitol Event Theatre today.

It all started with a spelling bee win at Klein's school, followed by a successful audition to the show locally.

Klein, who will be starting Grade 7 at W.O. Mitchell Elementary School in a couple of weeks, said there's no secret to good spelling.

"But I read a lot," she said. "I like fiction."

Although she's looking forward to "the new experience" of being on TV, she's taking it in stride.

"It's a lot of pressure ... we don't want to push her too much."
Tina Klein

"I'll just go and see what happens," she said.

"It's a lot of pressure," said her mother, Tina Klein.

"But we don't want to push her too much. There will be other opportunities."

In the meantime, she's reading more and keeping her skills sharp by doing word searches.

The top spellers from today will advance to the semifinals and final at Nova Scotia's Acadia University.

Landmark restaurant burns to the ground

BLAZE A fire destroyed a landmark restaurant and hotel early yesterday in the western Quebec village of Chapeau.

Fred's was an Ottawa Valley institution, just off Hwy. 148 in Quebec, 20 minutes east of Pembroke. It was known not only for its steaks, but for the personality of its owner.

For 60 years, Fred's was run by local businessman Fred Meilleur and his family. Meilleur is now seriously ill in a Toronto hospital. The business was recently sold to another local resident, Odette Godin.

Godin was inside the hotel when the blaze began, and ran out to warn occupants of a nearby home that was also destroyed. There were no serious injuries. Quebec Provincial Police are investigating the cause of the fire. CTVOTTAWA.CA

News in brief

CRASH A motorcyclist suffered serious injuries after a collision with a car in the city's east end near Cumberland yesterday morning. The 37-year-old male driver of the motorcycle suffered a fracture to his arm and a serious fracture to his lower leg. He was taken to hospital, where he is in serious, but stable condition.

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Ottawa man charged in violent sex assault

An Ottawa man faces nine charges in connection with a violent sex assault on a woman in Toronto. Robert Meinzer, 38, was arrested at his home in Ottawa Monday morning, and was released on bail following an appearance before a judge, Toronto police confirmed yesterday. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Skating in the summertime

There aren't many better ways to see the city and get in shape than rollerblading

CityScapes

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There's no feeling quite like it. With the wind in your hair and the occasional bug in the face, there's nothing like going for a skate along Ottawa's gorgeous pathways on a sunny weekend morning.

In the nation's capital, runners and cyclists dominate the city's pathways.

But this weekend, I'll be joining members of a small but mighty group of inline skaters as they reclaim the roads in the annual Ottawa Inline Skating Festival.

More than 200 people are expected to strap on their skates to glide 5, 10, 21 or 42 kilometres — or a combination of them in the Triple Crown event — on Sunday.

Ottawa Inline Skating Club president Michael Garvin is the first to admit that inline skating's not as popular as some of the other sports.

"A lot of people think that by inline skating, you're not getting as good of a workout, but it's much more kind to your body."
Michael Garvin

With an estimated 5,000 skaters in the city, the sport is "much, much smaller than running and cycling," said Garvin, 37.

But if 'blading's your thing, Ottawa's the place to do it.

"Ottawa is a really green, scenic city with so many bike paths," said Garvin. "There's paths downtown, on the Ottawa River Parkway, by Carleton University, by Hog's Back, on the Aylmer side of the river, towards Woodroffe and Baseline and there's a path through the Experimental Farm," said Garvin. "You can skate a 60K loop around Ottawa."

Even with the staggering distances many competitive skaters cover, the sport doesn't get as much respect as it should.

"A lot of people think that by inline skating, you're not getting as good of a workout, but it's much more kind to your body," said race organizer Daniel Dutrisac, who got into competitive inline skating seven years ago after getting burnt from the rigors of the other sports.

Recently, I joined some of the city's best skaters who meet several times a week to practice in the National Research Council's parking lot.

Strapped into recreational skates that weigh more than my microwave oven, I feel ill-prepared for the half marathon I'd brazenly committed to doing. It suddenly occurs to me that, I too, may have underestimated the skill involved in the sport.

When preparing for a race, the rule of thumb is to work yourself up to skating 75 to 80 per cent of the distance, said Garvin. "The rest of it, you can do with no problem."

He teaches me a few things that will make my moves more efficient — skating with knees slightly bent and arms behind the back.

"Over 20K, all these efficiencies start adding up," he said. "You can skate with so much more comfort and ease."

While the learning curve is steep — it takes years of hard work to move from beginner to elite skater status — this weekend's event caters to all levels.

Fast or slow, streamlined or spazzy, five kilometers or 63 in the Triple Crown, the organizers just want to share the sport they love with others. And as club member Nathan Johnston said, "do your best and forget the rest."

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Bailin Xie, 12, and Mike Garvin practice drills at an Ottawa Inline Skating Club meeting.

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Robbers clean out hair salon and spa

CRIME A popular south Ottawa hair salon and spa was cleaned out in a weekend robbery.

The Rinaldo's location in Manotick was robbed sometime Sunday night.

The robbers made off with $350,000 worth of goods, from hair products to wash basins. Even items nailed down to the floor were lifted.

Police say the culprits likely spent a number of hours inside the building.

The salon's co-owner said she is devastated.

"You work so hard for everything, you have a great staff, you love coming to work every day, you love your business and it just felt like someone took a knife and stabbed you," Debbie Dold told CTV Ottawa.

"It's disgusting. I can't even believe somebody would do that."

It will be at least a week before the salon is able to re-open.

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Investigation ordered into Saskatchewan prisoner escape
Saskatchewan's minister of public safety has ordered an investigation into why 15 hours passed before authorities alerted the public about a prison break by six inmates. One of the inmates, who are all considered armed and dangerous, has been caught but the other five remain at large. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

Transit upgrade back on track

Toronto's transit authority said yesterday it will recommend to its commissioners that it enter into a new bidding process with three major light rail manufacturers to replace the city's aging streetcar fleet after the initial process was scrapped last month. The Toronto Transit Commission said that it will propose starting discussions with Bombardier Inc, the Canadian arm of Siemens and Alstom for the $1.25 billion contract. REUTERS

Maple Leaf hit with lawsuits

Four separate class-action lawsuits have been filed against the company that recalled ready-to-eat meats linked to the nationwide outbreak of a deadly bacterial infection.

The lawsuits, filed in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Quebec and British Columbia named Maple Leaf Foods, which was linked to the ongoing outbreak after some products at a Toronto plant tested positive for the listeria bacterium last week.

"Between the telephone calls to our various offices and the people who have contacted us by way of the Internet, we've already heard from about 500 people," said Evatt Merchant, a partner in the Calgary office of the Regina-based class-action specialty law firm that filed all four suits.

> **"We've already heard from about 500 people"**
> Evatt Merchant

There are now six deaths in Ontario that are being blamed directly on the outbreak strain of Listeriosis monocytogenes while another six, including three in Toronto, are under investigation. The death of a Victoria B.C. man is the only one outside Ontario linked to Listeriosis.

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Tasers **Report postponed**

CHRISTINNE MUSCHI/REUTERS

Brian Black of Taser International demonstrates its use at a trade show for the Association of Chiefs of Police in Montreal yesterday. The Canadian Police Research Centre announced at the show that the release of a long-awaited report on the medical effects of stun gun use has been postponed until next year.

PM lays out Arctic plan

RESOURCES Canada plans to boost its spending on mapping Arctic energy and mineral resources, in order to encourage development and defend Canadian sovereignty in the far North.

Stephen Harper

The government will spend $100 million over five years, building on a plan earlier this year to spend $34 million over two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

"We know from a century of northern resource exploration that there is gas in the Beaufort (Sea), oil in the eastern Arctic, and gold in the Yukon. There are diamonds in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, and countless other precious resources buried under the sea, ice and tundra," Harper said. REUTERS

News in brief

COLD CASE Almost 11 years after a 16-year-old girl was found strangled to death in a Windsor, Ont., apartment with her unharmed baby near her, police have charged Geoffrey Michael Campbell with first-degree murder.

MONTREAL An Air France aircraft skidded off the runway at Montreal's Trudeau airport yesterday but there were no apparent injuries or serious damage. The incident was said to be minor and there was no fire. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Benign skin cancers may be 'warning sign': Study

People who have had a normally non-fatal form of skin cancer have double the risk of developing other types of cancers, U.S. researchers sais yesterday. They said the increased risk is especially pronounced in younger people. REUTERS

World/Business

Ghana **Farmers' elephant woes**

ALISTER DOYLE/REUTERS

Children dance in the village of Afiaso earlier this week. Rising elephant numbers in a protected forest park in Ghana are angering Afiaso's farmers, whose crops are being raided in an unwanted side-effect of a plan to slow deforestation.

Clinton takes spotlight

Hillary Clinton offered a rousing plea for Democratic Party unity yesterday, promising to work for Barack Obama and challenging her supporters to bury their grudges and rally behind his White House bid.

"The time is now to unite as a single party with a single purpose," Clinton told a roaring crowd, adding she could not sit on the sidelines and watch Republican presidential candidate John McCain "squander the promise of our country."

Clinton's enthusiastic call for party unity was designed to end a rift that has clouded the convention to nominate the first-term Illinois senator to face McCain in the Nov. 4 election.

MIKE SEGAR/REUTERS

Hillary Clinton addresses the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado.

The second day of the convention focused on economic themes and began to lay out Obama's plans to aid lower- and middle-class voters suffering in a faltering U.S. economy, which polls show is the top issue in the final months of President George W. Bush's term.

Obama, 47, had tried to ease the lingering tension by giving Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, major roles at the convention. Bill Clinton will speak tonight.

The convention's first night focused on presenting a softer, more personal side of Obama. REUTERS

Plot to kill Obama?

- U.S. authorities yesterday were investigating whether three men arrested in Colorado with guns and drugs planned to kill Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, but said they posed no real threat.

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Russia says U.S. ships arms to Georgia, U.S. denies

GEORGIA Russian President Dmitry Medvedev yesterday accused the United States of shipping arms to Georgia on U.S. naval vessels, but Washington denied the charge.

Medvedev made the charge in an interview on the BBC when he was asked if Russia was mounting a blockade of ships off Georgia's Black Sea port of Poti, where the American warship USS McFaul is due to deliver humanitarian aid.

White House spokesperson Tony Fratto, speaking in Texas, said the accusation was ridiculous.

President Bush yesterday condemned Russia's decision to recognize the two breakaway regions of Georgia, South Ossetia and Abkhazia. as independent, saying Moscow was ratcheting up tensions and complicating negotiations. REUTERS

News in brief

INDIA Rising rivers in eastern India that swamped more land and homes yesterday have affected more than 2 million people. Since June, torrential rains have killed more than 1,000 people in South Asia, mainly in India's states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. REUTERS

Business

Mobile outlook downgraded

TORONTO Moody's has lowered its outlook to "stable" from "positive" for wireless giants Rogers, Bell and Telus, citing the threat of new rivals following Ottawa's recent wireless airwave auction, which allows contenders into the market.

Restrictions on foreign ownership of telecom companies have allowed the three "to pursue profit-oriented growth strategies in a protected market," Moody's said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In brief

BANKS Scotiabank and BMO reported their third-quarter results yesterday. Scotiabank posted net income of $1 billion, a two per cent decline from the same time last year, while BMO's profit tumbled 21 per cent to $521 million.

BANK OF CANADA Deputy governor David Longworth said yesterday that Canada's economic growth will be weaker than expected in the second quarter, while inflationary pressures would fall with lower oil prices. He didn't hint at any interest rate changes. REUTERS

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NHL
Veteran defenceman Bryan Berard will attend the Flyers' training camp in September on a try-out basis, says Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren. The 31-year-old played in 54 games last season for the New York Islanders, compiling five goals and 22 points. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Sakic could reveal plans

Veteran centre Joe Sakic, left, might announce tomorrow whether or not he will be back on the ice for a 20th NHL season. According to the Denver Post, Sakic will speak at a news conference tomorrow before his charity golf tournament. However, the newspaper also claims that there is no guarantee that Sakic has come to a decision on his future. Metro News Services

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Argos sharpening axe

Coach could be ousted if team loses to Ticats: Source

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A Labour Day loss may result in a coaching change for the Toronto Argonauts, a club source tells me.

His information:

If the Argos lose in Hamilton Monday — and that's feasible since the Tiger-Cats defeated Toronto in two previous games this season — the teams would be tied with 3-6 records and Rich Stubler could be fired as head coach and possibly demoted to his former position of defensive co-ordinator.

Replacing Stubler would either be ex-head coach Michael "Pinball" Clemons, who's been resisting overtures from ownership because of his preference to focus on his family and his CEO responsibilities with the Argos, general manager Adam Rita, who has decades of CFL coaching experience, or assistant GM Greg Mohns, a former head coach of the B.C. Lions.

"We've unloaded players (backup quarterback Michael Bishop, who was traded to the Saskatchewan Roughriders, and safety Orlondo Steinauer, who was released) and, if we can't beat Hamilton, we'll review our head-coaching situation," the Argos' source said. "It's possible Stubler isn't cut out to be a head coach. He might just be one of those guys who's able to be a great co-ordinator but doesn't have the skills to be a good head coach."

• Truth is, Stubler is demonstrating an irascible personality as a head coach and it's rubbed both players and management types the wrong way. I'm told Stubler and Mohns won't even talk to each other … Looks like Hamilton will start backup Richie Williams at QB Monday as Casey Printers, the CFL's highest-paid player, is still complaining about a sore thumb … And, hey, why haven't I been receiving any emails from boasting Roughriders fans lately? Might it be that the team, losers of two consecutive games, is falling apart, just as I suspected it ultimately would? After a 6-0 start, the Riders find themselves only two points ahead of the Calgary Stampeders and Edmonton Eskimos.

• Major changes are happening at Canadian sports networks.

TSN will launch another channel, TSN2, this week while The Score will introduce a state-of-the-art studio next week that'll include innovative bleachers and sliding glass windows to encourage fan participation. Maverick programming chief Richard Garner envisions fan involvement as a key element in The Score's future.

The outside of the network's Toronto building will offer passersby a massive screen that will display sports information and broadcasts.

The network also plans to throw a huge street bash, featuring luminaries such as ex-NHL star Wendel Clark and musicians Kardinal Offishall and The Trews.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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Broadcaster Cabral "Cabbie" Richards shows off the new state-of-the-art studio at The Score television network yesterday. The new set up with allow for more fan interaction at the studio.

Siblings sharing the spotlight at U.S. Open

TENNIS Marat Safin and Dinara Safina celebrated a family day at the U.S. Open yesterday as the Russian brother and sister each posted first-round wins on a busy program for siblings in Flushing, N.Y.

Safina

Former champion Safin beat American Vince Spadea 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 and sixth-seeded Safina, silver medallist at the Olympics and winner of two titles this hardcourt season, eliminated American Kristie Ahn 6-3, 6-4.

Safina has come of age this year with a trip to the French Open final and tournament wins in Los Angeles and at the Rogers Cup in Montreal. She is a serious contender to follow in her brother's footsteps by taking her first grand slam crown in New York.

"I think this would be my dream come true," Safina said. "This would be the most amazing thing that can happen."

Other siblings in singles action yesterday included the Williams sisters, Venus and Serena and sisters Alona and Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine. REUTERS

Sports in brief

MLB Vernon Wells homered and drove in three runs to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-2 win over the Tampa Bay Rays last night in the opener of a three-game series in Florida.

MLB Major League Baseball announced yesterday that it will enact instant replay for home run calls this week. The use of replay will begin in series that start tomorrow and after.

NBA Former Portland Trail Blazers centre Kevin Duckworth died Monday. He was 44. The cause of his death is unknown, and will be determined by a medical examiner.

NFL Michael Strahan has told Foxsports.com he will remain retired, turning down an offer to come back and play defensive end for the New York Giants. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Cincinnati 2 Houston 1
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AMERICAN LEAGUE
Minnesota at Seattle, 4:40
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:05
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Texas at Kansas City, 8:10
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 10:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Arizona at San Diego, 3:35
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05
Florida at Atlanta, 7:10
L.A. Dodgers at Washington, 7:10
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:05
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:15
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B.C. at Montreal, 7:30

SUNDAY'S GAME
Winnipeg at Saskatchewan, 3

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Edmonton at Calgary, 4
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BASEBALL

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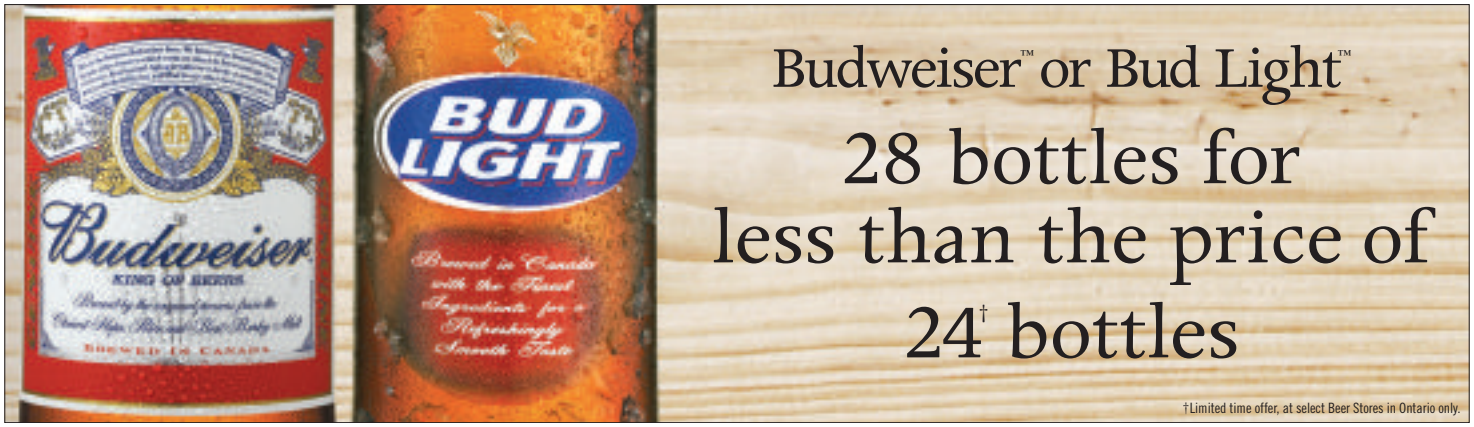
LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
OTTAWA at Brockton

TONIGHT'S GAME
OTTAWA at Brockton, 7:05



Automotive

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Bimmer style on budget

Affordable 1 Series Coupe can make BMW dreams real for many car lovers

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for Metro Canada

The tidy little 1 Series Coupe leads the way in BMW's return to a smaller, lighter, more affordable car, slotting nicely below the increasingly larger, heavier and more expensive 3 Series models that currently earn the German automaker's bread and butter.

Though a range of engine options are available in other markets, we're only getting a pair of 1 Series models: The 128i with a 230-horsepower, 3.0-litre, in-line six under its hood, and the 135i, which has a superb 300-hp, twin-turbo version of the same 3.0-litre unit.

In its coupe body style, the 1 Series starts at $33,900 for the base 128i while the twin-turbo 135i carries a proportionately higher $41,700 sticker price to reflect its added performance and equipment levels.

There are also a couple convertible versions, too: The 128i Cabriolet carries a sticker price of $39,900 for your top-down driving pleasure while its range-topping 135i counterpart is priced at $47,200.

The crisp, clean lines and compact shape of the Coupe are quite attractive to the eye with its long hood, trapezoidal greenhouse, clearly defined shoulder line and long wheelbase.

It looks fast even while standing still.

Inside, the perfectly-sized steering wheel, short gear lever, circular instruments and high-quality materials are all as eye-catching as they are functionals.

The crisp, clean lines and compact shape of the Coupe are quite attractive to the eye. Inside, the perfectly-sized steering wheel, short gear lever, circular instruments and high-quality materials are all as eye-catching as they are functional.

Depending on the option package(s) you choose, tech toys abound, including optional Bluetooth phone integration, navigation, and iDrive. Oddly, though — despite an included auxiliary input jack — the lack of cubbyholes in the centre console might mean your iPod Touch has to sit in one of the cupholders.

Talking about how the crisp-looking coupe drives is a matter of mixed messages.

On the plus side it does handle very nicely indeed. The engine in the 135i snarls musically with … ah, shall we say, eager throttle applications.

Heel-and-toe downshifts from the standard six-speed manual transmission are a blast, and the world is simply a series of highly entertaining corners. All that performance doesn't come with a hefty penalty at the pumps either: We saw around 10 L/100 km even with enthusiastic use.

On the down side was ride quality, perhaps a little too stiff for "normal" everyday driving needs.

Despite such minor quibbles, the 1 Series Coupe is surely something to salivate over. It looks great. It's agile afoot.

And excellent handling, precise steering and ideal weight distribution give it a real sporting character. If you like sports-style driving, taking a seat in the 1 Series will feel like coming home.

2008 BMW 1 Series Coupe

Type: Compact 2-pass. coupe, RWD
Price: $33,900 – $41,700
Engine: 3.0L L6 DOHC/3.0L L6 DOHC twin-turbo
HP: 230 @ 6,500 rpm/300 @ 5,800 rpm
Torque: 200 @ 2,750 rpm/300 @ 1,400 rpm

Highlights

- The BMW experience on a budget
- 135i is a poor man's M3
- Great engines
- Muscular looks
- Handling

Chevrolet is loaning 100 Equinox Fuel Cell electric vehicles to U.S. drivers for feedback on the car.

Drive putting fuel-cell tech to test

As environmental awareness increases, so does the need for better fuel alternatives. One of those energy sources is getting a lot of buzz — and moving from laboratory testing to the road.

Hydrogen fuel cells are electric energy sources that have the potential to power everything from cellphones to large buildings.

For cars, they provide zero-emission power and don't use any oil.

And although actual hydrogen fuel vehicles are a few years down the road, most major auto manufacturers have already started hydrogen programs.

A new campaign, called "Project Driveway," is putting fuel cell technology to practice in the largest market test ever.

As part of the project, Chevrolet is loaning 100 Equinox Fuel Cell electric vehicles to select families across the U.S.

The pioneering drivers will give feedback on the overall operation and feeling of the car, while generating public awareness and exposure to fuel cell vehicles.

SE model shown, MSRP $15,770

The new incredibly fuel-efficient **2009 PONTIAC G3 WAVE.** That's right. No matter what you're driving right now, you're probably spending more time with the gas pump than you want to. Maybe you need to start hanging around with a G3 Wave. With 5.7L/100 KM on the highway and 7.9L/100 KM in the city[1], it's certainly not going to strengthen your relationship with the gas pump, but honestly, what did that old pump really do for you, anyway? The G3 Wave, on the other hand will give you an auxiliary audio input jack, five star rating for frontal impact[2], available side-impact airbags, optional OnStar® and the best coverage in Canada[3]. So go ahead, break old pumpy's heart. And never look back. **Cash Purchase Price at $9,995.***

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All that, and practicality, too

Retro-looking Chevrolet HHR SS is a usable ride for everyday people

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for Metro Canada

In its milder LS and LT guise, the Chevrolet HHR is pleasant to drive, with a good balance between ride and handling. Inside, right, there's a feeling of roominess.

Beneath its retro appearance, the HHR is simply a nicely executed station wagon. Think of it as a Chevrolet Cobalt wagon in drag, as it's based on the same solid architecture as the popular Chevy coupe/sedan.

Thanks to its retro shape, the interior is roomy and comfortable, the rear seatbacks fold fully flat and the cargo deck is hard-surfaced … all of which makes the HHR a usable ride for everyday people and cargo hauling chores. In that respect, the well-equipped base LS and LT models — at $19,855 and $21,185, respectively — represent nicely packaged value.

Both trim levels include standard features such as air conditioning, power windows, door locks and mirrors, cruise control, remote keyless entry, electronic stability control, ABS and traction control.

In its milder LS and LT guise, the HHR is pleasant to drive, with a good balance between ride and handling. The base engine is a fuel-efficient 155-hp, 2.2-litre "four" while there's a 172-hp, 2.4-litre four-cylinder optional choice (standard on the step-up LT 1SC trim). Transmission choices are standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic.

By the way, new for '09, those engines are Flex Fuel capable, meaning they can run on E85 ethanol, gasoline or any combination of the two fuels. Also, the 2.2-litre engine receives variable valve timing technology that optimizes performance and efficiency.

The $28,240 HHR SS, first seen in the 2008 model year, adds turbocharged zest with a 260-hp output from its 2.0-litre four. To help handle this extra performance, the SS rides on a racetrack-tuned suspension system, giving it a modern athleticism that contrasts sharply with the retro styling.

Even so, you won't sacrifice anything in ride comfort for such driving entertainment. Body motions are tautly controlled. The steering has a pleasing blend of precision, feel, response and effort.

Inside, there's a feeling of roominess, with the high roofline providing plenty of headroom. Quality is also conveyed in the well-bolstered sport seats, which provide firm support yet plenty of comfort for long drives.

The short-throw manual shifter, which sits higher and farther forward, has a nice precise feel. A smaller-diameter steering wheel — sporting an SS logo plus radio and other control features — complements the precise steering action.

There's also a turbo boost gauge mounted on the windshield pillar, 225 km/h speedometer, driver information centre located in the gauge cluster, SS-specific satin nickel cabin trim accents and contrasting interior colours that contribute to the SS's sporty look.

2009 Chevrolet HHR SS

Type: Compact 5-pass. wagon FWD
Price: $28,240
Engine: 2.0L L4 DOHC Turbo
HP: 260 @ 5,300 rpm
Torque: 260 @ 2,000 rpm

Highlights

- Funky retro look
- Standard safety and stability control system
- Interior room
- Cargo flexibility

Steve Burgess became the first person in history to successfully cross the Bering Straits in a road vehicle earlier this year.

Farmer rides into record books

Steve Burgess, a farmer from West Yorkshire, England, has put himself and his Land Rover Defender into the record books by becoming the first person in history to successfully cross the Bering Straits in a road vehicle.

Earlier this year, the 52-year-old Burgess, travelled 16,700 kilometres in 50 days to the Easternmost tip of Russia in temperatures as low as –46 C.

Then, in a masterstroke that differs from others who tried the voyage before, instead of trying to cross the Straits while they were covered with ice, he simply waited for it to melt in the summer.

Once that happened, he strapped two huge floats on the sides of his Defender, added a motor and propeller on the back and sailed across the 90-kilometre stretch of water, pausing on the island of Little Diomede as the weather closed in, before continuing a few weeks later when conditions improved.

"It's been a phenomenal trip," said Burgess. "I can't say it was all enjoyable — I wouldn't do it again — but it has been incredible."

Think beyond gas guzzlers

If you love the safety and driving confidence of an SUV, but cringe at the cost of filling the tank, we've got good news for you.

It's possible to get the advantages of a four-wheel-drive system — especially great traction in a wide variety of weather and road conditions — in all-wheel-drive vehicles that combine the 4WD performance of a truck with the fuel economy, performance and handling, and easy-to-park dimensions of a car.

There are many reasons it takes a lot of gas to run a traditional SUV: most are built on truck platforms, so they're large and heavy; it takes a big engine to move all that weight around; and, because they're less aerodynamic than most cars, SUVs have to work harder to overcome air resistance.

Fortunately, there are alternatives, such as the Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system from Subaru. This is a full-time system that combines a powerful aluminum boxer engine, a strong but lightweight transmission and centre differential, and an aerodynamic alloy body frame that's designed for maximum occupant protection. The result is a great combination of strength for safety and rigidity for handling and durability.

Just as important, this Symmetrical AWD system is designed to be extremely compact and well balanced, with a low centre of gravity. That means a very low risk of rollover — and makes room for a long-travel suspension that keeps the ride comfortable even on life's bumpiest roads. And fuel economy is competitive with North America's most popular compact and mid-size family cars.

So, if you want great traction and handling and great fuel economy, an all-wheel drive vehicle is an excellent choice.

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tips to reduce gas consumption

- Maintain your vehicle: It will run smoother and waste less energy.
- Slow down: You use 20 per cent more fuel going 120 km/h compared to 100 km/h.
- Check tire pressure: The wrong pressure can increase gas use up to three per cent.
- Don't idle: If you're going to sit for more than 30 seconds, turn the engine off.
- Plan trips: Do more than one errand at a time; pick routes with fewer stoplights and less traffic.

Ford begins Fiesta production

Ford has begun production of its all-new Fiesta model, the first in a portfolio of global small cars, at the Cologne Stamping and Assembly plant in Germany.

The next-generation Ford Fiesta, destined for the North American market in 2010, was developed by the European arm of the automaker's global product development team to meet the demands and expectations of customers around the world.

Ford Fiesta being built at the firm's Cologne plant.

The Cologne plant is the first Ford assembly facility in the world to build the new global car.

In North America, the new subcompact will be offered in two models: a hatchback and a two-door sedan.

They will be built at the company's Cuautitlan Assembly Plant in Mexico in 2010. Retooling the plant from its current production of F-Series trucks to small-car production will begin in December.

In brief

SIENNA Toyota has made its Sienna better for the 2009 model year and given it more appeal by lowering the suggested retail price on all models. Now you can choose between fuel-efficient front-wheel drive and the extra confidence of all-wheel drive, and opt for seven- or eight-seat cabin configurations. There are as many as seven models and a variety of trim levels to suit every taste and budget.

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Travel

Insider's eats

No traveller wants to pay an exorbitant price for lacklustre food, but that indignity always seems worse when you're in a destination known for its gastronomic prowess. The September issue of Gourmet magazine — which is dedicated to exploring Paris on a budget — can help you avoid such a predicament. Some of the content is also posted at *gourmet.com/travel/cityguides/paris*. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Horse-drawn carriages are a typical sight in Trove.

Transylvanian farm life reflects a simpler time

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A traditional Hungarian "good room" is used to entertain guests.

A visit to the tiny Romanian town of Türé (or Turea) is like travelling back in time.

Horse-drawn carriages packed full with freshly cut hay trot along bumpy dirt roads. Craggy old people with craggy old faces make picture-perfect postcards of a simpler time. Grandmothers milk cows, churn butter, have wells in their backyards and know their way around a plow.

If it weren't for the satellite dishes growing out of houses like mushrooms on cow patties, you might think you'd been transported back to the early 1900s. A surprising number of people here lack running water and indoor plumbing but, with the wonders of modern technology, they can tune into stations like MTV.

Having just come from cosmopolitan Bucharest — where Ferrari-lined streets, fashionable coffee houses and could-be-supermodels are common — this was the "simple life." I found myself in this Transylvanian village as part of a two-day homestay run by Carpathian Tours. Australian-owned, this company offers cultural vacations through the Hungarian, Slovakian and Romanian countryside. It's a chance to learn about the music, dance and social practices of the area — all with the help of a translator and knowledgeable guide.

Accommodations may be humble (my room had no door and the bathroom looked more like a tool shed) but, by staying with the local people, I'm able to get an insider's view.

My crash course in traditional Transylvanian culture starts with breakfast. Here in Türé, early morning risers enjoy buffalo cheese, thick slices of white bread, pork sausage and a shot of Pálinka.

This local brandy brew gets the day started off right and is sipped on with each meal. It's considered rude if you turn down the offering, so I reach for the shot glass and started boozing. It goes down my throat in one gulp, burning my insides with the pang of cheap Tequila.

Pleasing my host, the guide and I (admittedly, a bit tipsy) venture into town. Shepherds guide buffalo into the village so they can be milked by their owners. They make their way down a mist-covered hill, mooing and jangling their cowbell necklaces. Though I'm excited by the prospect of milking one myself, I find out the buffalos are skittish and don't let strangers ogle their udders.

From there, we visit a traditional "good room." It's an elaborately decorated living room used for entertaining guests and matching prospective boy suitors with unmarried girls. The room is stacked with embroidered blankets, tablecloths and doilies, all hand spun from wool, cotton or hemp.

Cabinets are hand-painted, stenciled in red, white and green (a symbol of the Hungarian flag) with recurring motifs of roses, tulips and green branches. Though it's impressive, this crafty form of home-making has been abandoned by the new generation.

In the time of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu (leader from 1965-1989), expression of Hungarian culture and music was forbidden. As a result, much of local culture was lost.

My two-day tour of Transylvania had me tossing hay with a pitchfork, step-dancing to live village music and picnicking with Pálinka under a full moon.

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Julia's tips

- Carpathian Tours offers customized cultural vacations through the Hungarian, Slovakian and Romanian countryside. Visit *carpathiantours.com.au*.

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Harrelson joins zombie comedy
Actor Woody Harrelson will star in forthcoming comedy film Zombieland. The movie revolves around a mismatched pair of survivors who find friendship in a world overrun by zombies. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Extras may sue
Tom Cruise's troubled film project Valkyrie has been hit with another setback — extras on the film are allegedly threatening to sue movie bosses over on-set injuries.
IMDB.COM

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CTV renews hit series Flashpoint

TV This show isn't just a flash in the pan: CTV has ordered a second season of its hit original series Flashpoint, Susanne Boyce, President, Creative, Content and Channels, CTV Inc., has announced.

Thirteen new episodes are expected to head into production in early 2009.

Flashpoint has been a hit since it premiered last month.

MTV 'tarnished' Ozzy's image: Son

Jack Osbourne

PEOPLE Jack Osbourne wants to set the record straight about his father Ozzy. And that means taking a few swipes at the MTV show that put his family on the map, People.com reports. "I think The Osbournes, to a degree, tarnished the public's perception of my dad as a bit of a senile, funny, bumbling guy," Jack told Rolling Stone.

Juno, The Wire up for Humanitas

AWARDS The screenwriters of The Diving Bell and the Butterfly, Juno and Lars and the Real Girl have been named finalists in the feature film category of the 2008 Humanitas Prize, which honors writing that explores the human condition, Reuter reports.

Episodes from Boston Legal, John Adams and The Wire are finalists in the 60-minute TV category.

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Betrayal drives thriller

Traitor tells complex story of secret Muslim officer in war on terror

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Traitor couldn't have been an easy movie to make. Not only is the terrorism thriller set in 17 cities on three continents, but it required shooting the film in just 48 days on a tight budget. Who would want to take on that overly ambitious endeavor? Well, Don Cheadle for one.

The complex story of a secret Muslim officer that infiltrates a global terrorism ring only to find himself being hunted down as a traitor, this thriller not only enticed Don Cheadle the actor, but also Don Cheadle the producer — who has previously made his mark getting behind such hot-button films as Crash and Darfur Now.

"It was very interesting that one of the things we learned post 9-11 is that there were something like three Arabic-speaking agents that we had in our (enforcement) agencies," says Cheadle during an interview in New York. "How do you understand people that you can't even talk to?"

Actor Don Cheadle stars in Traitor, which opens in theatres this Friday.

That was one of the primary themes that prompted Cheadle to help make Traitor — the idea that a lack in communication between cultures has only fuelled terrorism. It's not an easy notion to sell to movie studios either. As disappointing box-office revenues of other films dealing with the war on terrorism have mounted recently, studios are surely wary of that particular subject.

"They probably did their rounds with studios and received a series of ideas of how it should be changed and softened up," posits co-star Guy Pearce about the struggle to find backers. "(But writer/director Jeffrey Nachmanoff) just didn't compromise."

Instead, Traitor (in theatres on Friday) was lucky enough to find financing and still deal directly with such serious issues as race, religion and the role of ignorance in terrorism. Pearce adds: "I think (Nachmanoff did) a really good job of finding that balance between an entertainment and a thought-provoking topic."

Cheadle would certainly agree. Although he's first to acknowledge the film doesn't provide many answers to these issues, he does hope it will create an awareness in moviegoers minds. "It could be a cautionary tale on some level if you take it seriously," insists Cheadle. "Most human beings want equanimity; most human beings want peace; most human beings want safety. It's the people on the extremes that can obviously pull and push us and protract that argument."

Sleuth shows lead Gemini nominations

Period detective series Murdoch Mysteries and Durham County, a dark drama following a troubled suburban police detective, are among the leading contenders for this year's Gemini Awards, Canada's top television honours, CBC.ca reports.

Murdoch Mysteries scored a leading 14 nominations, followed closely by 13 for Durham County and 12 nods each for sexy Henry VIII series The Tudors and the miniseries adaptation of Guy Vanderhaeghe's The Englishman's Boy.

Among news and information programming, veteran investigative program The Fifth Estate and CBC News: The National received multiple nominations (11 and nine, respectively).

After holding its annual celebrations in Regina and Vancouver, the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television has decided to bring the awards back to Toronto.

Trophies for the majority of categories will be distributed at three industry galas in late October, with the remainder handed out at a televised ceremony that will follow on Nov. 28, broadcast on E! Network and Showcase.

For a full list of nominees, go to geminiawards.ca.

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Actor Hugh Dillon is up for a Gemini for Durham County.

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Keaton's new gig
Batman actor Michael Keaton will reportedly star in the forthcoming Toy Story movie. IMDB.COM

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Richie Mehta, right, directs Amal, a movie about a man who leads an honest, unfettered life.

Beautifully simple

Amal
Director: Richie Mehta
Stars: Rupinder Nagra, Koel Purie, Naseeruddin Shah
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

Amal, the gentle auto-rickshaw driver at the centre of Richie Mehta's critically acclaimed film, could never have played for baseball manager Leo Durocher. Durocher once reportedly said that nice guys finish last. But what if the nice guy doesn't even consider it a competition?

Amal, portrayed by Hamilton-raised actor Rupinder Nagra, leads an honest, unfettered life. There's family and work. That's it. In the bustling Indian city of New Delhi, surrounded by characters obsessed with money, Amal is as ambitious as a nap — and just as peaceful. Mehta brings these worlds together, and he does so without resorting to the usual fish-out-of-water clichés.

Nagra's performance is all restraint and subtlety. He says much more with his eyes and facial expressions than he does when he speaks. Koel Purie is the merchant Pooja Seth, a frequent customer of Amal's, and his love interest in the film.

Their screen chemistry is half longing, half tension, and it comes off beautifully. With these two, a simple gesture like a hand touch (finally!) is sexually explosive.

An interesting subtext here is the conflict between the old ways and the ever-forward march of technology: Amal's livelihood is being threatened by a new subway. And although the lush scenery of New Delhi is integral to the film, the story could have been set anywhere.

Nagra has said when he initially read the story of Amal, he was put off by the ending. There's no doubt, some viewers will be frustrated. Some may even go so far as to say it's a copout. Others will say it's fitting. Amal might say it is what it is.

Rights group objects to Towelhead

An Islamic civil rights advocacy group has asked Warner Bros. to change the title of its upcoming film Towelhead because, it says, "the word is commonly used in a derogatory manner against people of the Muslim faith or Arab origin."

The studio said it plans to stand by the filmmakers, who chose the title to point out racial stereotypes, though it added, "We apologize for any offense that is caused by the title."

Towelhead, directed by Six Feet Under creator Alan Ball and adapted for the screen by Alicia Erian from her novel of the same name, looks at the life of a 13-year-old Lebanese-American girl in the early '90s. A Warner Independent specialty title now being handled by parent studio Warners, it is scheduled to open Sept. 12 in limited release in New York and Los Angeles.

The Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations said that because the moniker is a "racial and religious slur," Warners should consider calling the film Nothing Is Private, the title under which it debuted at last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

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Star music picks

North Carolina-based indie record label Merge is launching a limited-edition series of CDs curated by celebrities like Saturday Night Live's Amy Poehler, left, David Byrne, R.E.M.'s Peter Buck, novelist Jonathan Lethem and others. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Ex-guard tells Rushdie he's sorry

IN COURT A former police officer has apologized to Sir Salman Rushdie for false claims he made in a book about the author, BBC News Online reports.

Ronald Evans helped to protect Rushdie after he received death threats for writing The Satanic Verses in 1989.

In his book, On Her Majesty's Service, he claimed Rushdie sought to profit from the fatwa and had been suicidal.

Evans, ghost writer Douglas Thompson and publishers John Blake Publishing apologized in London's High Court for the "hurt and damage" they had caused.

Mr. Justice Teare made a Declaration of Falsity against the two authors and the publisher.

Rushdie did not seek damages.

Dr. Dre's son, 20, found dead

PEOPLE The son of hip-hop producer Dr. Dre died over the weekend, People.com reports.

Andre Young Jr., 20, was discovered "unresponsive" by his mother at his home in Woodland Hills, Calif., on Saturday, according to the L.A. County Coroner's office. When she couldn't rouse him, she called paramedics, who pronounced him dead at the scene.

No foul play is suspected. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Movies Day out with dad

PASCAL LE SEGRETAIN/GETTY IMAGES

Actor Brad Pitt and his son Pax Thien Jolie-Pitt, ride a boat from Marco Polo Airport in Venice, Italy, ahead of the 65th Venice Film Festival yesterday. The film festival starts today and runs until Sept. 6.

Australia rethinks Snoop visa

Australia is re-thinking a decision to give gangsta rapper Snoop Dogg a visa after public complaints that he should not tour in October in a double act with Ice Cube, an immigration official said yesterday.

Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Cordozar Calvin Broadus Jr., was refused permission to even apply for a visa to enter Australia in 2007 because of his criminal record, sinking plans for him to co-host the MTV Australia Video Music Awards.

Snoop Dogg

But immigration officials this week cleared the way for an October tour visit, until a spate of public complaints from victims of crime groups yesterday.

"As a result of public concern and interest, the department has decided that in fact we will be undertaking a more thorough assessment of Mr. Broadus' character," a senior immigration official said.

The decision does not mean Snoop Dogg will again be barred from Australia, but he could be counselled before arrival and given strict behaviour rules to abide by while in the country.

Snoop Dogg's criminal record counts several drugs and firearms charges since 1990, including a 1993 acquittal for murder. He has also been denied entry to Britain.

He has sold more than 17 million records.

REUTERS

Perry seals No. 1 spot with Kissed

MUSIC CHARTS Singer-songwriter Katy Perry has spent a third week at the top of the British singles chart with her worldwide hit I Kissed a Girl, Reuters reports.

Katy Perry

The former gospel singer saw off a challenge from Dublin band The Script, who climbed from third to second place with The Man Who Can't Be Moved. Former U.K. No. 1 All Summer Long by Kid Rock fell one place from second to third, according to The Official UK Charts Company.

Monkeys recruit Stone Age singer

MUSIC Queens Of The Stone Age front man Josh Homme is to produce new material by the Arctic Monkeys, BBC News Online reports.

"We're going do some tracks and I'm really looking forward to it because I like them a lot," Homme told BBC 6 Music.

Homme said the Arctic Monkeys would record the new tracks for their third album at a recording studio in the California desert. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

New hosting gig
Mario Lopez will host MTV's new series Top Pop Group, featuring music groups. TVGUIDE.COM

Ratings, schmatings

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UNRATED VERSION: There's still a lot of life left in broadcast television, but we know its expiry date is looming by the survival of shows like Battlestar Galactica, as detailed in a recent Associated Press story on the Sci Fi network's flagship show, now mere months away from its final airing.

Galactica has been a critic's favourite since its debut, which is another way of saying "brilliant but soon-to-be cancelled" if you're talking about a network show, especially one that draws the ratings Galactica has. According to the AP story, the radical revision of the '70s sci-fi cheese original is "scraping bottom" if you go by "the traditional ratings system" — from an average of 2.8 million viewers in its first season, it's lost a million viewers since then.

But Sci Fi is acting like the numbers don't mean much, and it's gone ahead with a Galactica prequel movie that's set to air after the final episode next year, and a spin-off series set two generations before Galactica's storyline kicks off, Caprica. Sci Fi is showing remarkable confidence in a franchise whose ratings would have guaranteed a first season cancellation on NBC or CBS — or certain oblivion after just two episodes if it was showing on Fox. Apparently the network is acting like it's already 2012, and bums-in-place-on-the-scheduled-night ratings aren't an accurate way of measuring the viewership of a show like Galactica.

Jamie Bamber, who plays Lee Adama on the show, told AP that he has a different way of measuring the show's success. "When the numbers were high I would get stopped in the street maybe once a week," Bamber said. "Now that the viewing figures are lower on the TV, everywhere I go someone will come up to me and say what a huge fan they are. That just tells me that people watch the show in a more modern way and that it has reached its sort of critical mass."

What he means is that technologically-savvy Galactica fans have better things to do with their nights, and prefer to catch up on the show via TiVo or in weekend-long DVD marathons — or relying on the legally troubling internet downloads. One assumes the same sort of logic is behind the apparently untroubled reaction AMC has to Mad Men, its flagship but low-rated show. Since I'm one of those people who can't be bothered with scheduled viewing, it all makes sense to me, but I'm also aware that we're hard people to make money off if you're an advertiser, and that something, somewhere, has got to give before we can finally ascend into the brave new world of post-broadcast television.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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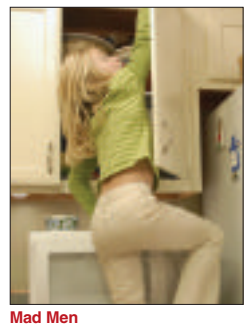
Jo Frost arrives to help the Shrage family in a small Southern town. The parents' marriage is in quite a state, considering they have not shared a bed in eight years. The three girls are so out of control that their own grandmother, who lives with them, refuses to dine with them. Though the girls present a lovely front to the outside world, at home they run rampant, and it's up to Supernanny to restore order. 9 PM on 20 ABC



Mad Men
Like now, U.S. politics is in the spotlight. But instead of McCain and Obama, it's Nixon and Kennedy. The election is important, and the Sterling Cooper staff stays up all night watching the votes come in. Also, Pete (Vincent Kartheiser) lets his ambition go to his head and gets in Don's (Jon Hamm) face. 9 PM on 40 BVO

Sheen expecting child with new wife
Actor Charlie Sheen, left, and his new wife, Brooke, are expecting their first child together, his rep has announced. The couple have been married since May. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Beckhams deny crash report

RUMOUR Victoria Beckham and her husband David have lashed out at reports stating they had been involved in a "terrifying car crash," insisting the incident never happened, imdb.com reports.

The showbiz couple were reportedly visiting their home in the village of Bargemon, close to the French Riviera, last week before the soccer star was due to fly to Beijing, China to take part in the Olympics closing ceremony on Sunday.

And as the pair made their way to Nice airport so the star could catch his plane to China, the pair was reportedly involved in a horrific crash — which left their black BMW with a smashed windscreen and extensive damage along the passenger side.

Reports stated David Beckham smashed the car laterally into a wall, leaving his wife severely shaken, with speculation the accident occurred due to paparazzi hounding the couple.

But the couple's spokesperson, Cheryl Maisel, has denied the crash ever happened, blaming online gossips for the false story.

"There was no car crash," she says.

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Hef's door open for Pam

FRIENDSHIP Playboy king Hugh Hefner has offered Pamela Anderson the use of his mansion if she ever finds herself homeless, imdb.com reports.

The Baywatch star has appeared on numerous Playboy covers, and the 41-year-old knows she can rely on Hefner to put her up if she ever finds herself with nowhere to stay.

"(I asked Hefner) If ever anything goes wrong, I can come and live here, can't I?" she says.

Hefner replied: "Yes, of course. You are always welcome at my place."

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Coldplay make clothes?

FASHION Coldplay have revealed they love to make their own clothes, female-first.co.uk reports.

Front man Chris Martin has told how the band like to sew and modify their own clothes together. Martin, 31, says the band's needlework habits help them bond.

"Making clothes together in our studio makes us feel complete," he says. "We probably sound like a group of grannies in a knitting circle but it's the truth and it gives us some control over our visual identity. When you are a big band and everyone is taking shots at you, the more things you can do together the better. And if you're wearing uniforms made by your own hands it helps achieve that."

Martin said sewing helps the clean-living band to pass time when they're on tour and staying in hotels, adding: "We see if they have a sewing kit in the amenities draw in case we feel inspired."

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Keira hates paparazzi

FAME Keira Knightley hates being pursued by the paparazzi — because it ruins her social life, imdb.com reports.

The Atonement actress is well-known for her distaste of snappers who try and secure photos of her personal life.

And the star has admitted her pals fail to invite her to social events in case they are harassed by eager photographers.

"One of them (friends) asked me if I would mind not going out with them to a restaurant one evening as they find the whole paparazzi thing alarming," she tells Britain's Tatler magazine. "I don't blame them. It can be very intimidating."

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celebrity brief

Pitt tests his photography skills

FAMILY Brad Pitt has turned photographer to capture his partner Angelina Jolie and the couple's kids for a new magazine spread, imdb.com reports.

U.S. fashion magazine W commissioned the actor to show off his lensman skills for the publication's upcoming November issue.

One of the vintage cameras collector Pitt used for the candid family photos was a Littman 45 Jolie gave him as a birthday gift.

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Radcliffe pans prudish fans

NUDITY Daniel Radcliffe has slammed prudish fans who refuse to see his naked scenes in theatre show Equus — because he is sick of people branding the production "pornography," imdb.com reports.

The teen actor was required to disrobe on stage when he starred in the dramatic play Equus in London's West End last year — a role he'll soon reprise on Broadway.

And the star is shocked by the reaction of older female fans, insisting his nude scene is no big deal.

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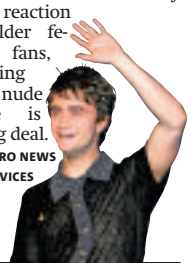

O'Day sick of Paris comparison

RUMOUR Danity Kane star Aubrey O'Day has hit out at people who liken her to Paris Hilton, branding them "horrible" for making the comparison, imdb.com reports.

The blond is sick of being mistaken for the hotel heiress — because she is "nothing like that girl."

"Whenever I carry my dog around, people say 'Paris Hilton' " she says.

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Abdul feels iffy about new judge

TELEVISION Paula Abdul's reign as the lone female voice on American Idol's judging panel is over, and she's not convinced that's such a good idea, MSNBC reports. Following the announcement that Grammy-nominated songwriter Kara DioGuardi would pull up a chair and join her, Randy Jackson and Simon Cowell, Abdul took to the airwaves to give her take on the turn of events.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So Hugh Hefner has offered Pamela Anderson a place to stay at his mansion should she ever become homeless. I'm guessing Hugh has seen recent pictures of a haggard-looking Anderson and mistakenly believes that she is homeless. In any case, I've taken the liberty of making public the following list of rules for overnight guests at the Playboy mansion, specifically tailored for Canada's own Pammie, should she ever need them :

"It's a little known fact that Hugh Hefner suffers from ornithophobia, so you can't bring the 1,000 live chickens you rescued from Colonel Sanders with you to the mansion. All former playmates at the mansion must insert staples in their navels so Hefner will be able to recognize them. Exercise on the stationary bike with the special invasive seat attachment is mandatory.

When changing Hefner's adult diaper, eye contact is strictly forbidden. Hugh Hefner prefers the term 'Dream Enabler' to 'Decrepit Flesh Peddler.'

Hef wants everyone at the mansion to be comfortable, his version of comfortable, so you must wear either silk pyjamas or nothing.

The dead girl in the fountain is actually a clever performance art tribute to Ted Kennedy.

There are rules regarding lecher-in-residence Bill Maher, but as you are over 21 years of age, they do not apply to you. Under no circumstances are you to mention the fact that Norman Mailer is dead.

Work the following phrase into your conversation as frequently as possible: "Eighty-two is the new 56."

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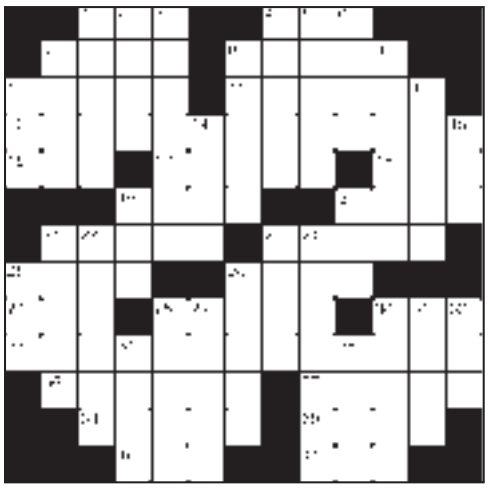
Rodriguez to return to Lost
Michelle Rodriguez, right, is reportedly returning to Lost this season, ew.com reports. Details of her comeback are shrouded in secrecy, but she's to be back for one episode, reportedly this season's second episode. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Battery terminal
2 "— noted"
3 Inclined
4 Cougars
5 Characteristic
6 "— She Sweet?"
7 Go no further
8 Made crow noises
9 Masthead name
10 The whole enchilada
12 Japanese cartooning style
14 Undraped
15 Coll. transcript stat
19 "See ya"
20 Opposed to
21 Rodents of South America
22 Dr. Robert, with an eponymous diet
23 Darjeeling dress
24 Loot, as the Vikings did
25 Legislation
26 Photo finish?
28 Erstwhile larvae
29 Establish, as 25-Down
30 Game-show group
31 Crafts' partners
32 Yr. divisions
34 Spigots
35 One-on-one battle

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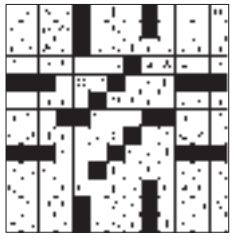
Crossword across

1 Big hoopla
4 Bake-sale org.
7 Give the cold shoulder
8 Radium discoverer
10 Bikini, e.g.
11 "Hairspray" actress Bynes
13 Queen's attendant
16 Caustic solution
17 Search
18 Gratuity
19 Melville's Billy
20 Deep sleep
21 Check casher
23 Fern product
25 After curfew
26 Primary
27 Interjection in "Cathy" comics
28 Oyster's prize
30 Manhandle
33 1967 Audrey Hepburn film
36 Address bitingly
37 Cousins' moms
38 "The final frontier"
39 The Bee —
40 Prepared
41 Right angle

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Funds will be raised for a business plan. Tension results in more effective communication. Friends make decisions that will change your mind.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Run errands before a deadline. A professional gets to first base. Sparks start to fly, but don't throw yourself into anything.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Finances might force a showdown. There's an easy escape from a selfish action. Brief tension occurs when advantage is taken.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Feeling doubtful makes you play tough. Take charge to improve the state of your teamwork. Someone grabs your attention with a secret message.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Nobody can be blamed for disturbing news. Agree to a compromise that's designed to stabilize. Be less stressed by ignoring a weird situation.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A prankster wants to get serious about life. Repay deceitfulness with honesty and humour. Defuse a situation by asking for help.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A secret attraction leads to an unexpected realization. A reasonable woman has a naughty story to tell. Don't give up on a mischievous man.

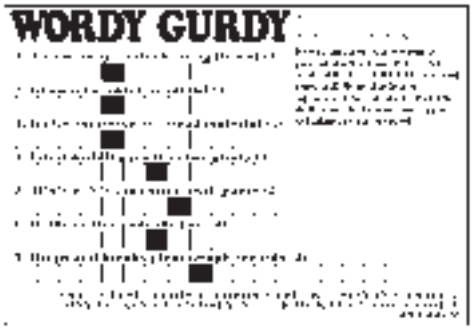
SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24- NOV 22
Don't become a recluse while waiting for someone. Sudden moves will produce a stunning result. Take the chance of a lifetime.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23- DEC 21
Take some time out to play. An encounter will shock and intrigue you. Someone's need for attention makes you claustrophobic.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
A ranting man gets frosty treatment from you. Keep someone talking if you want answers. Telling a true story will make you look good.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Shivers of excitement result from a compliment. Your work is putting you in the spotlight. Squelch any distress that won't stand up to scrutiny.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MAR 20
News of plans gone awry sets the tone for the day. Anxiety will produce family problems. A hostile snub depicts malice at a meeting.



This day in history

AUG. 27, 1813: French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte defeats a larger force of Austrians, Russians and Prussians at the Battle of Dresden.
AUG. 27, 1859: Petroleum discovered in Titusville, Pennsylvania. World's first successful oil well.
AUG. 27, 1927: American aviators Billy Brock and Ed Schlee fly the Pride of Detroit over London on the way to completing the first-ever flight around the world.
AUG. 27, 1993: The Rainbow Bridge, connecting Tokyo's Shibaura and the island of Odaiba, is completed.
AUG. 27, 2003: Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in nearly 60,000 years.
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Sudoku

	6		8		7	9	2	
					1			4
4						1		3
	8		4			3	5	
				3				
	5	1			2		9	
5		4						9
9			1					
	3	2	7		4		6	

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

1	3	5	7	4	6	2	8	9
8	2	7	1	9	3	4	5	6
4	9	6	5	8	2	7	3	1
7	6	4	9	3	8	5	1	2
5	1	2	4	6	7	8	9	3
3	8	9	2	5	1	6	4	7
9	5	3	6	7	4	1	2	8
2	7	8	3	1	5	9	6	4
6	4	1	8	2	9	3	7	5

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13. . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

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Temperature Normals
High: 24.8°
Low: 13.3°

Records
High: 35°/1953
Low: 6.1°/1954

Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.
Sunset: 7:48 p.m.
Moonrise: 2:05 a.m.
Moonset: 6:14 p.m.

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